

August 21, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Joint Petition of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority and CenturyLink QC's for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36, Appendix Glossary of the Commission's Rules; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On August 17, 2017, Mona Thompson, General Manager and Anita Anderson, Controller of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRST) and its consultants with the firms of Johnson, Stone & Pagano – Jenifer Wasnock, Senior Consultant and Dean Koch, Partner as well as Vantage Point Solutions - Lori Sherwood, Director of Broadband Development, and Jolyn Doering, Manager of Cost Issues, had a telephone conference call meeting with Victoria Goldberg, Ted Burmeister, Katie King, Joe Sorresso, Ed Krachmer, and Suzanne Yelen of the Federal Communications Commission.

During the meeting, FCC staff posed two questions in relation to the above referenced petition. We first discussed the facts surrounding the request for petition and how the boundary change would impact USF funding. In addition, we also discussed the ARC for those new customers. No written presentation was provided to the FCC.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically. Thank you. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lori Sherwood

Director of Broadband Development